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The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker of the House  
H-232 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady  
Chairman, House Ways & Means Committee  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Chairman Brady:

As the leading trade association representing the manufacturers of medical imaging devices and radiopharmaceuticals, the Medical Imaging and Technology Alliance (MITA) applauds the House Ways and Means Committee for including a provision that will permanently repeal the medical device excise tax. The tax has resulted in the loss of more than 28,000 jobs among device manufacturers and related industries between 2013 and 2015 and threatens to deplete thousands more if not repealed. Permanently abolishing this burdensome tax promises to promote job growth, and protect patient access to life-saving, innovative medical imaging technologies.

As you know, the two-year suspension of the medical device tax is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2017. If the tax is allowed to restart for any period of time, it will disrupt the medical imaging industry's state of constant innovation which brings exciting new advances each year in reducing radiation dose and improving imaging clarity. Medical device manufacturers need predictability to begin making economic investment decisions for 2018 and the existence of the medical device tax is a major factor in whether we can continue to build on investments we've made since the two-year suspension.

We thank you for your continued support of repealing the medical device tax. Please do not hesitate to contact Andy Dhokai, MITA Director of Government Relations at [adhokai@medicalimaging.org](mailto:adhokai@medicalimaging.org) or (703) 841-3247 to discuss the issue further.

Sincerely,

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